

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A warning unit mountable to a wall, comprising:

a housing mountable to a wall;

a control unit contained within said housing and including means for emitting sound; and,

a proximity sensor for detecting an approaching person for activating said means for emitting sound of said control unit upon sensing the approaching person.

12. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 11, wherein said means for emitting sound of said control unit includes means for storing a pre-recorded verbal message able to be replayed by said means for emitting sound.

13. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 12, wherein said means for emitting sound includes means for storing a plurality of verbal messages, said means for emitting sound further includes means for selecting a message to be replayed from among said plurality of verbal messages stored.

14. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 12, further comprising means for recording new verbal messages.

15. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 11, further comprising a flashing light capable of being activated by said proximity sensor upon sensing the approaching person.

16. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 11, wherein said housing comprises a front cover that is lockable in a closed position and openable in an open position for gaining access to a control panel for controlling said control unit.

17. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 16, wherein said means for emitting sound includes means for storing a plurality of verbal messages, said means for emitting sound further includes means for selecting a message, via said control panel, to be replayed from among said plurality of verbal messages stored.

18. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 16, wherein said housing includes screw holes for mounting said housing to a wall, said screw holes being accessible only when said front cover of said housing is open.

19. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 16, wherein said front cover includes a pair of slots into which opposite edges of a warning sign are insertable with said front cover holding in a fixed position the warning sign when said front cover of said housing is closed.

20. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 16, wherein said control panel includes means for setting a period of time duration, following a replay of a pre-recorded verbal message by said means for emitting sound, before said proximity sensor is capable of activating another replay of said pre-recorded verbal message.

21. (new) The warning unit mountable to a wall according to Claim 11, wherein said control unit includes means for setting a period of time duration, following a replay of a pre-recorded verbal message by said means for emitting sound, before said proximity sensor is capable of activating another replay of said pre-recorded verbal message.